GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3372
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2006
LAYING OF RAILWAY LINE UNDER NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Kaswan Shri Ram Singh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Railways have conducted any survey for laying o f new railway lines between Sikar-Nokha, Sardarshahar-Hanumangarh, Churu- Nohar, Bhiwani-Pilani-Churu under the North-Western Railway;

(b) If so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(c) The follow-up action taken by the Railways thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) to (c) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3372 BY SHRI RAM SINGH KASWAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.08.2006 REGARDING LAYING OF RAILWAY LINE UNDER NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

(a) to (c) : The details of the surveys and the status thereof are given as under:

S.No.	Name of project	Status
1.	Sikar-Nokha	A survey for new broad gauge line between Sikar-Nokha via Sujangarh and Bidasar (189 kms.) was completed in November, 2001. As per survey report the cost of construction of 189 kms. long line had been assessed at Rs. 431 crore with a rate of return at (-) 23.30%. Due to constraint of resources and unremunerative nature of the line, it was not considered feasible to take up the work.
2.	Sardarshahr- Hanumungarh between Hanumungarh to Ratangarh via Sadarshahr	A survey for new broad gauge line (198 kms.) was completed in February, 2000. As per survey report, the cost of construction of 198 kms. long line had been assessed at Rs. 287 crore with a rate of return at (-) 25.88%. Due to constraint of resources and unremunerative nature of the line, it was not considered feasible to take up the work.
3.	Bhiwani-Pilani- Churu between Bhiwani-Loharu	A survey for new broad gauge line (65 kms.) which is a part of Bhiwani-Pilani-Churu section has been included in

the Budget 2006-07. Further consideration of the project would depend upon the results of the survey, once the survey report becomes available.

4. Churu-Nohar Survey for Churu-Nohar new line has not been taken up.